

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Reding *et al.*

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AUTOMATIC HEDGING FUNCTION

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the present application as indicated in the following pages, of which:

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page **2**; and
Remarks begin on page **12**.